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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NORWELL:

Your town officers respectfully submit the following as their fifty-fourth annual report.

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## Report of the Town Clerk.

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At the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Norwell, held March 2, 1903, the following action was taken:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Chose Alpheus Thomas, Moderator.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Chose Joseph F. Merritt, Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Voted, to accept the reports of these officers.

Article 4. To choose all such officers as the laws of the State and the by-laws of the Town require.

Elected the following officers by ballot:

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, George W. Griggs, Alpheus Thomas, Henry D. Smith.

Treasurer, Horace T. Fogg.

Auditor, George Cushing.

Tree Warden, John Corthell.

School Committee for three years, George C. Turner.

Board of Health for three years, Alpheus Thomas.



Constables, William E. Wilder, Alpheus Thomas, Walter T. Osborn, J. Warren Foster, John Corthell, Everett E. Chamberlain.

Tax Collector, Andrew J. Litchfield.

Highway Surveyors. Voted, to have one highway surveyor and that the chair appoint a committee of 15 to retire and bring in a list of three candidates for surveyor. The committee reported the names of Emanuel P. Joseph, L. Frank Hammond and Walter Simmons. A ballot was then taken and Emanuel P. Joseph was elected Highway Surveyor.

Field Drivers. The Constables were chosen Field Drivers.

Fence Viewers, George W. Griggs, Alpheus Thomas, Henry D. Smith.

Cemetery Committee, Charles H. Lapham, George W. Curtis, Jerome H. Sawyer.

Article 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?"

The polls were kept open one hour on this question. Whole number of ballots cast 125; Yes 43, No 82.

Article 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$2500 for the support of poor.

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$250 for incidental expenses.

Article 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$4000 for support of schools.

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$1100 additional for support of schools. (A motion to transport the High School scholars was voted down, also amendment that all pupils be transported. This vote was afterwards reconsidered.)



Voted, that the Selectmen be a committee to take into consideration the removal of school building at Dist. No. 2 to the Town Hall, and report as soon as practicable at a special meeting to be called for this purpose; also that they make any other suggestions.

Voted, to transport the scholars the same as last year.

Article 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$2500.

Voted, that Highway Surveyor employ townspeople only for road work.

Article 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Voted, 25 cents per hour compensation, and to use the money received from the street railway excise tax as an appropriation for this purpose.

Article 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Voted, that they be collected in the same manner and time as last year, with the exception that they be made collectable on November 15, instead of December 1, as heretofore.

Voted, that salary of Collector be \$225.

Voted, that Collector have the same powers in the collection of taxes that he would have were he Town Treasurer.

Article 11. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen?

Voted, to accept the revised list.

Henry F. Ford  
Edwin M. Sexton  
Seth Foster  
Frank Dyer  
James B. Knapp  
Francis E. Heinderson  
George W. Jones  
Joseph H. Hatch  
Wallace H. Damon

James E. Stoddard  
Andrew S. Richardson  
Joseph C. Otis  
Edwin A. Turner  
Henry J. Tolman  
Arthur C. Jones  
Seth O. Fitts  
L. Frank Hammond  
James L. Litchfield

Walter T. Osborn  
 Alpheus Damon  
 Frank M. Vining  
 Clifton S. Deane

Arthur T. Stoddard  
 John Whalen  
 George F. Cate

Article 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 13. To hear and act upon the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Voted, to accept the partial report of committee on Union Bridge, stating that the matter was not settled.

Voted, to accept report of committee chosen to confer with the James Library Committee, recommending no action.

As the committee on receiving tomb was not ready to report it was voted that they serve another year.

Article 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

Voted, to pay bill of Charles O. Keene for \$2, fixing driveway for David Griffith.

Article 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial day?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$100.

Article 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of State and Military Aid?

Voted, to appropriate \$2500.

Article 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools?

Voted, to appropriate \$250.

Article 18. What sum of money will the town raise for the repairs of school houses and incidentals?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$800 for repairs, incidentals and supplies.

Article 19. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Voted, that they do.

Article 20. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street ?

Voted, that the income derived from sale of lots be an appropriation for care of cemetery.

Article 21. Will the town cause a receiving tomb to be built in the cemetery on Washington street, and raise and appropriate money for the same ?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 22. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission in the construction of that part of Main street, between the Scituate line and Bridge street ?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$1000 for constructing the above mentioned portion of highway.

Article 23. Will the town give any instructions to town officers ?

Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered to collect bill against Town of Dana and to employ counsel to do so if they consider it advisable.

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$50 for use of the Tree Warden and that he be instructed to use one-half of amount in setting out trees.

Voted, that the pay for work on highways be the same as last year, but the Highway Surveyor shall receive \$2.50 per day.

Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to employ Dr. H. J. Little as Town Physician for the ensuing year.

Voted, that Horace T. Fogg be a committee to ascertain how the income from Prudence C. Delano fund for benefit of poor children has been expended and that he be authorized to send for persons and papers.

Voted, that Selectmen accept bequest of \$100 from George P. Clapp, the income to be used for care of lot at Church Hill Cemetery.

Article 24. Will the town pay a bounty on woodchucks and appropriate money for the same?

Voted, to pay a bounty of twenty-five cents on woodchucks for the ensuing year and to appropriate \$500 for this purpose.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to receive whole woodchucks and pay bounty.

Article 25. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

The resolutions prepared by the town officers on the death of Henry Norwell, were read to the meeting, also Mrs. Norwell's letter acknowledging the receipt of them. It was voted that both letter and resolutions be spread upon the records.

Voted, to sell two fish rights at auction. Purchaser, C. S. Tilden, who gave one dollar for the first and three dollars for the second.

Voted, that Secretary of School Committee be paid \$50 salary and the other members a salary not to exceed \$25 each.

Voted, that all money to be raised, be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and on the estates of non-residents.

Voted, to pay Moderator \$5 for services this day.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

## RESOLUTIONS.

A meeting of the officers of the Town of Norwell was held at the Town House, Wednesday evening, February 11, 1903, to take action upon the death of Henry Norwell, Esq., George W. Griggs, chairman of the selectmen, presiding at said meeting.

The following memorial was presented by Horace T. Fogg, Esq., Treasurer of Norwell, and was unanimously adopted :



The citizens of the Town of Norwell have learned with profound sorrow of the sudden death of Henry Norwell, Esq., whose name our town has borne since 1888.

Although not a native of this town, by his earnest qualities and rare ability, he walked foremost in our ranks, and we wish to place upon record our deep appreciation of the many kindly acts he performed and the benefits he conferred upon us.

He gave freely for local improvements. He was deeply interested in every movement for the public good. Generous and public spirited, frank and open hearted, he had won a place in our affections rarely to be attained.

He has gone from our midst, but he has left behind the pleasant recollection of a man of eminent worth and noble impulses, and of a citizen whom our town did well to honor.

To his widow and children we extend the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of each and every resident of Norwell, and it is our hope and prayer that the Father of All may watch over them in their sorrow, and bring them the peace and comfort that the world cannot give.



6 Walnut Street, Beacon Hill.

Mr. Horace T. Fogg,

Dear Sir : — Will you please express to the townspeople of Norwell the deep appreciation and thanks of myself and children for the honorable and loving tribute paid by them to our dear one, who has entered into eternal rest.

The best interests of the town were very near to him always. With very grateful thanks, I am

Very truly yours,

ELLEN J. NORWELL.

February 14, 1903.



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 24, 1903.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Chose Alpheus Thomas, Moderator.

Article 2. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the matter of moving the school house now standing in District No. 2, to a location near the Town Hall and putting it in suitable condition for the accommodation of two grammar schools, and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, to pass over this article.

Voted, to reconsider the vote whereby this article was passed over.

Voted, to accept the report of the committee.

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 3. To see if the town will buy or otherwise acquire a piece of land near the Town Hall, on which to locate the above named school house, and appropriate money for the same,

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 4. Will the town contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of that part of Main street for which the sum of \$1000 was raised and appropriated at the annual meeting in March last?

Voted, that the town contract with the State Highway Commission for the construction of said highway.

Voted, that the Selectmen sub-let the contract for work if it be agreeable to the State Highway Commission.

Voted, to reconsider this last vote.

Voted, that the entire matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

Article 5. Will the town cause a shed to be built in which to store the road tools belonging to the Town, and appropriate money for the same?

Voted, that the Selectmen be a committee to build a shed for this purpose and to appropriate \$200.



Article 6. Will the town grade the grounds around the school house in District No 5 ?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 7. Will the town cause the curbing around the Common where the Soldiers' Monument stands to be finished ?

Voted, to refer the matter to the Highway Surveyor and request him to finish it.

Article 8. Will the town provide any additional accommodations for the High School and appropriate money for the same ?

No action was taken on this article.

Article 9. Will the town pay Arthur C. Litchfield his claim for expenses incurred by him in providing schooling for his children ?

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be instructed to pay Arthur C. Litchfield \$80, the amount expended by him for the tuition of his children.

Article 10. Will the town pay a bounty on crows killed in town and appropriate money for the same ?

Voted, to pass over.

Article 11. Will the town pay the bill of the Pittsburg Bridge Co. for the balance due on account of the construction of Union Bridge, and appropriate money for the same ?

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be instructed to pay the bill direct to Bridge Company, and that the sum of \$1000 be appropriated for that purpose.

Article 12. Will the town pay Walter R. Torrey for services performed in connection with the settlement with the Pittsburg Bridge Company for the construction of Union Bridge, and appropriate money for the same ?

Voted, to pass over.

Voted, to reconsider the vote whereby this article was passed over.

Voted, not to pay Mr. Torrey \$180 for services rendered in this matter.

Article 13. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with

the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow such sum of money as may be needed to meet any appropriations made at this meeting, and give notes of the town for a term of years to secure the same ?

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money for this purpose and to give the necessary notes of the town as security.

Article 14. Will the town give any instructions to town officers ?

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Treasurer of Marshfield one-half of the expense incurred by that town in settling with the Bridge Company, and that this town receive one-half of discount obtained from contract price of bridge.

Voted, to instruct the Highway Surveyor not to expend two-thirds of appropriation before June 1, unless he considers it for the best interest of the town to do so.

Voted, that meeting be dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

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## STATE ELECTION.

Pursuant to a warrant duly executed, the qualified voters of the Town of Norwell met at the Town Hall, Tuesday, November 3, 1903, and gave in their ballots as follows :

Whole number of ballots cast 188.

### GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates, Republican	111
Thomas F. Brennan, Socialist Labor	0
John C. Chase, Socialist	2
Oliver W. Cobb, Prohibition	1

William A. Gaston, Democratic	72
Blanks	2

## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams, Socialist	5
Curtis Guild, Jr., Republican	115
William F. Merrill, Prohibition	1
Richard Olney, 2d, Democratic	57
Moritz E. Ruther, Socialist Labor	0
Blanks	10

## SECRETARY.

Olof Bokelund, Socialist	2
John F. Coyle, Socialist Labor	0
Alfred L. Cutting, Prohibition	1
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel, Democratic	52
William M. Olin, Republican	117
Blanks	16

## TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

John A. Billings, Socialist	5
Edward S. Bradford, Republican	114
Napoleon B. Johnson, Prohibition	1
Frederick A. Nagler, Socialist Labor	0
Thomas C. Thacher, Democratic	53
Blanks	15

## AUDITOR.

John H. Hagan, Socialist Labor	0
Joseph Orr, Socialist	2
Alfred E. Steele, Prohibition	2
Francois X. Tetrault, Democratic	52

Henry E. Turner, Republican	114
Blanks	18

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

John A. Anderson, Socialist Labor	0
William J. Carroll, Socialist	2
Henry M. Dean, Prohibition	2
John J. Flaherty, Democratic	46
Herbert Parker, Republican	119
Blanks	19

## COUNCILOR — FIRST DISTRICT.

Roland C. Nickerson, Republican	116
Edwin Sawtell, Prohibition	4
Joseph R. Smith, Socialist	8
William Swindlehurst, Socialist Labor	4
Blanks	56

## SENATOR — FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Henry O. Cook, Socialist Labor	2
Thomas H. Dunn, Socialist	4
Elisha T. Harvell, Republican	104
Thomas Mannix, Democratic	67
Roland D. Sawyer, Prohibition	2
Blanks	9

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.  
SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Ernest L. Bonney, Republican	99
John J. Ford, Democratic	78
John W. Tower, Socialist	3
Blanks	8

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS — PLYMOUTH.

Edmund Daly, Democratic	45
Jacob Hersey, Prohibition	2
Jeremiah O'Fihelly, Socialist Labor	1
Harry D. Stuart, Socialist	4
Lyman P. Thomas, Republican	115
Blanks	21

## - REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Edward N. Gormley, Prohibition	2
Walter L. McConney, Socialist	2
Waltar F. Stephens, Democratic	50
John C. Sullivan, Republican	113
Blanks	21

## REGISTER OF DEEDS — PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

H. Edward Morgan, Socialist Labor	1
Benjamin F. Peterson, Democratic	46
George N. Tyler, Socialist	4
John B. Washburn, Republican	118
Blanks	19

## COUNTY TREASURER — PLYMOUTH.

George B. Cushman, Socialist	4
Albert Davis, Republican	116
George B. Hobart, Democratic	51
Leonard Thompson, Prohibition	3
Blanks	14

## CLERKS' CONVENTION.

At the meeting of the Town Clerks of the towns comprising the Second Plymouth Representative District, held Nov. 13, 1903, at Marshfield, it was ascertained that the vote for Representative was as follows :

Whole number of ballots	1,222
Ernest L. Bonney of Scituate, Republican	704
John J. Ford of Scituate, Democratic	391
John W. Tower of Duxbury, Socialist	46
Blanks	81

Ernest L. Bonney having a plurality of the votes returned was declared to be elected and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

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REGISTERED VOTERS.

At the close of registration October 24, 1903, there were 364 male voters and one female voter on the list.

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ENROLLED MILITIA.

Number of men enrolled for military duty 224.

## DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Dec. 1, 1903, was as follows :

Male	145
Female	17
Special Breeder's License	1

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — DEC. 11, 1903.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Chose Alpheus Thomas, Moderator.

Article 2. Will the town sell or lease its salt marshes and flats situated in North River and in the North River marshes in the Town of Scituate in said state, and for what price, and to pass any votes and to transact any other business that may be necessary to carry the same into effect?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED DURING YEAR 1903.

- Jan. 1, At Hanover, Willie Everett Magoun of Norwell, and Catherine McLeod of Hanover, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Feb. 12, At Norwell, John Henry Prince and Mary Ann Casey, both of Norwell, by Rev. Frederick H. Kidder.
- March 11, At Norwell, Calvin Crane of Hanover, and Agnes G. Gooch of Norwell, by Rev. Frederick L. Cleveland.
- June 3, At Manchester, Arthur Lewis Toppan of Norwell, and Franceina Colby Rowe of Manchester, by Rev. Alfred Manchester.
- June 24, At Hanover, Archie F. Merritt and Nellie Florence Stoddard, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- June 30, At North Scituate, Walter Littlefield and Alice May Merritt, both of Norwell, by Rev. Arthur W. Cleaves.
- July 17, At Hanover, Henry Fox and Margaret Elizabeth Flanders, both of Norwell, by Rev. Frank S. Harridan.
- Aug. 7, At South Weymouth, Walter Murray Jones of Norwell, and Mabel L. Holbrook of South Weymouth, by Rev. Robert L. McArthur.
- Aug. 8, At Norwell, Ernest Stoddard of Norwell, and Ella Frances Harris of Rockland, by Rev. Edward H. Keens.
- Aug. 22, At Rockland, Roy Phillips Hatch of Norwell, and Sarah Vincent Mann of Rockland, by Rev. J. W. Brownville.
- Sept. 16, At North Scituate, John Beach of Scituate, and Elizabeth Robinson of Norwell, by Rev. Arthur W. Cleaves.

- Sept. 20, At Norwell, Harry Phillips Henderson of Norwell, and Edna Estelle Clapp of Scituate, by Rev. Edward H. Keens.
- Sept. 23, At Franklin, Ernest Lynwood Henderson and Jennie Frances Chapman, both of Norwell, by Rev. Franklin A. Everett.
- Oct. 6, At Lexington, Winfield Scott Upson of Westfield, and Mary Emeline Brooks of Norwell, by Rev. T. Thompson.
- Oct. 28, At Norwell, Charles A. Berry of Norwell, and Mercy Belle Stevens of Rockland, by Rev. Edward H. Keens.
- Oct. 30, At North Hanover, Arthur H. Carr and Maria Lincoln, both of Norwell, by Rev. Frederick L. Cleveland.
- Nov. 25, At Hanover, Charles Austin Stearns of Hanover, and Abbie Caroline Hatch of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1903.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
February 3,	Elizabeth A. Griffin.....	Joseph H. and Annie E.....	McDonald.
19,	Hazel Marion Smith.....	Anthony J. and Belle.....	Wilder.
28,	Clifton Ansel Laubert.....	Oscar W. and Linda M.....	Jones.
March 9,	Lora May Bates.....	Charles H. and Mammie.....	Lovejoy.
11,	Elsie May Briggs.....	Walter S. and Charlotte.....	Osborne.
15,	Burton Lawrence White.....	Patrick L. and Ella.....	Pratt.
16,	Stillborn.....	Joseph W. and Hortense.....	Bunker.
23,	William Ellsworth Hatch.....	Albert L. and Amy W.....	Dinzey.
April 6,	Albert Lenthal Sylvester.....	George S. and Annie.....	Burger.
May 7,	Jesse Frederick Hatch.....	Elmer W. and Florence M.....	Hunt.
12,	Laurence William Henderson.....	John W. and Anna M.....	Nichols.
17,	Wilbur Nichols Burns.....	William F. and Ella M.....	Ducie.
June 14,	Helen Gladys Pratt.....	Charles T. and Ada F.....	Reed.
21,	Marjorie Reed Stockbridge.....	Horace T. and L. Isabella.....	Faulkner.
July 14,	Helen Fogg.....	Paul H. and Cora M.....	Stewart.
31,	Walter Hubert Hussey.....	Wallace H. and Fannie M.....	Crocker.
September 21,	George Lester Damon.....	John A. and Annie A.....	Damon.
October 2,	Helen Gertrude Moulton.....	Harding R. and Carrie M.....	Dyer.
10,	Emmie Isabella Sprond.....	Laban and Nora.....	Kelley.
December 5,	Lucy Norena Bates.....		
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March 21,	Elizabeth Salmon Sylvester.....	Albert L. and Amy W.....	Dinzey.
27,	Evelyn Linwood Crocker.....	Clifton L. and Annie L.....	Spies.
August 12,	Walter Brenton Griffin.....	Brenton H. and Addie.....	Munnis.
October 24,	Ernest Gordon Hunt.....	Charles F. and Emily M.....	Smith.
November 7,	Olive Florence Hatch.....	Edward A. and Lizzie F.....	Coleman.

## DEATHS 1903.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	BIRTHPLACE.	PLACE OF DEATH.
January 11,	George A. Wilder.....	Y. 53	Acute Alcoholism	Scituate.	Norwell.
21,	William L. Briggs.....	M. 6	Heart Disease [Hem'rage	So. Scituate.	"
22,	Lucie A. Jones (Stetson)....	D. 43	Tumor of Liver and Int'l	Hanover.	"
23,	Sarah T. Curtis (Clapp).....	17	Old Age, Bronchitis	Scituate.	"
25,	Grace Lavina Damon.....	84	Cerebritis	Norwell.	"
February 4,	Mary E. Jacobs (Nichols)....	2	Gall Stones	Plymouth.	"
7,	William W. Collamore.....	86	Fractured Hip, Pneumonia	Scituate.	"
15,	Ann M. Fox (Anderson).....	72	Consumption	Hull.	"
18,	Sylvania Toppaan (Doloff)....	55	Pneumonia	N. Hampshire.	"
20,	Susan H. Higbee (Whitney)...	79	Gall Stones, Heart Failure	Saco, Me.	"
March 5,	Grace Violet Lee.....	67	Tuberculosis	Norwell.	"
27,	John Thomas Hatch.....	2	Heart Disease	Hanson.	"
30,	Josephine A. Corthell (Sylvester)	73	Bronchitis, Pneumonia	Scituate.	"
12,	Barton L. White.....	66	Atelectasis	Norwell.	"
14,	Ida Ellen Pratt (McAlloney)...	6	Consumption	Nova Scotia.	"
15,	Lucy O. Gunderway (Winslow)	37	Bright's Disease	Scituate.	"
20,	Abbie M. Damon (Clapp).....	53	Gen'l Debility, Bronchitis	Scituate.	"
June 8,	John Chadwick.....	69	Rheumatism, Cerebral Hem-	"	"
11,	James B. Knapp.....	71	ip'rage [rage	"	"
13,	Mary Monahan (Kane).....	74	Disease of Heart	Scituate.	"
20,	Benoni L. Griswold.....	79	Acute Indigestion & Cardiac	Ireland.	"
30,	William Ellsworth Hatch.....	73	convulsions	Charlestown.	"
August 9,	Nathan Cushing.....	89	Arterio-Sclerosis, Pneu-	Norwell.	"
September 11,	Laura A. Price (Walker).....	3	Bright's Disease	Scituate.	"
16,	Augustus Gardner.....	42	Depressed Fracture of Skull	Maine.	"
23,	Orlando H. Lake.....	76	Heart Disease, Cong. Lungs	Hanson.	"
November 29,	Jerome H. Sawyer.....	69	Organic Heart Disease	N. Hampshire.	"
December 15,	Louisa Victoria Dinzey.....	71	Collapse, General Debility	N. Hampshire.	"
		63		St. Catherine's	"
				[Ontario, Can.]	

Number of marriages, 17.

Number of deaths, 28.

Number of births, 25.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

# Report of the Town Treasurer.

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Horace T. Fogg, Treasurer, in account with the Town of  
Norwell.

DR.

To cash on hand January 21, 1903	\$2,761 00
Dog tax 1902, refunded	305 81
Income Massachusetts school fund	526 34
Refunded by the Commonwealth :	
Corporation tax	6,719 76
National bank tax	771 95
Inspection of animals	23 75
Tuition of children in small towns	300 00
Education of children, State Board of Charity	110 00
State Aid	2,250 00
Street railway tax	347 43
State highway	1,000 00
Superintendent of Schools	416 67
Refunded by County :	
Union bridge account	800 00
Refunded by Towns :	
Town of Duxbury, aid	12 00
Town of Rockland, aid	36 30
Town of Holbrook, aid	104 00
Town of Canton, aid	99 00
Town of Marshfield, aid	90 00
Town of Scituate, aid	85 05

Town of Hanson, aid	\$45 00
Town of Whitman, aid	76 50
Town of Hingham, aid	21 50
Town of Hanover, aid	32 16
Town of Plymouth, aid	28 00
Town of Oxford, aid	25 00
Town of Dartmouth, aid	31 00
Town of Rockland, tuition	52 00
Board of Mary L. Bowker, refunded	126 75
Sale of lots in cemetery	32 00
Charles S. Tilden, fish rights	4 00
Charles H. Bates, interest Granderson mortgage	7 50
Second District Court fines	42 13
Harry S. Merritt, license	2 00
Otis H. Perry, license	2 00
Charles H. Wilder, license	1 00
Sale of desks	1 00
Grass at Church Hill	50
J. H. Pinkham, superintendent of almshouse	170 24
Geo. Cushing Conservator, board of Angeline Rogers	255 72
Overdrafts repaid	7 90
South Scituate Savings Bank, notes in anticipation of taxes	8,500 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, time loan	1,200 00
Interest on temporary deposit	32 62
Old Colony Street Railway, excise tax	217 92
Assessment of 1903	13,065 80
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	\$40,739 30

CR.

By cash paid on Selectmen's orders	\$21,893 39
Alpheus Thomas, Moderator, by vote of town	5 00
Arthur C. Litchfield, tuition, by vote of town	80 00
C. O. Keen, bill, by vote of town	2 00



Post 112, G. A. R., by vote of town	\$100 00
Town of Marshfield, on account of Union Bridge, by vote of town	180 00
Pittsburg Bridge Company, by vote of town	1,000 00
Police officers and constables, Second District Court	165 69
Bounty on 838 woodchucks	209 50
South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipation notes	8,500 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, int. on above notes	210 80
South Scituate Savings Bank, time notes	2,200 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on time loan	318 00
Interest on Coffin Poor Fund, note	80 00
Interest on A. T. Otis Poor Fund, note	52 00
Scituate Tax	4 95
County Tax	1,446 25
State Tax	850 00
Cash on hand to balance	3,441 72
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	\$40,739 30

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE T. FOGG, Treas.



## Tax Collector's Report.

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Andrew J. Litchfield, in account with the Town of Norwell.

DR.

To excise tax	\$217 92
To assessment of 1903	13,065 80
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	\$13,283 72

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By excise tax paid Treasurer	\$217 92
By cash paid Treasurer	12,503 59
By cash deposited with Treasurer to relieve bondsmen on unpaid taxes	562 21
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	\$13,283 72

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD, Collector.

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### TAXES ABATED.

Thomas Tindale	\$4 28
Joseph W. Wheeler	2 00
Henry F. Vining	2 00
George A. Osborn	2 00

John H. Howard	\$2 00
Lucy Gunderway	4 50
L. C. Sylvester	08
Angeline V. Rogers	4 35
Alden Beach	2 00
Lorenzo Cromwell	2 73
James S. Costello	2 00
John Dagan	5 63
Charles David	2 00
James C. Durnin	2 00
Almira C. Griswold	3 12
B. L. Griswold	2 00
H. P. Smead	2 00
Alden Briggs	07
Anthony Collamore, exr.	07
Joshua Studley	07
Michael Sylvester	07
Joseph Thompson	07
Sophia Turner	07
James H. Whitman	07
Benjamin Briggs	11 79
A. W. Pinson	4 35
Mary R. Turner	7 25
Mrs. Lyman Lincoln	7 25
Jesse M. Winslow	73

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\$76 55

## Assessors' Report.

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Value of buildings	\$449,168 00
Value of land	236,401 00
Value of personal property	148,384 00
Total	<hr/> \$833,953 00

State tax	\$850 00
County tax	1,446 25
Town tax	10,300 00
Overlayings	469 55
Total tax	<hr/> \$13,065 80

Street railway excise tax	\$217 92
Assessors' warrant to Collector	13,065 80
Rate of taxation per thousand	14 50

Number of polls assessed	476
Paying poll tax only	163
Horses assessed	395
Cows assessed	210
Neat cattle other than cows	38
Sheep assessed	24
Swine assessed	23

Fowl assessed	7,948
Dwelling houses	452
Acres of land assessed	12,017

GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
HENRY D. SMITH,  
Assessors of Norwell.

## Highways.

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E. P. Joseph, 54 5-9 days at \$2.50	\$136 39
E. P. Joseph, 1 man and 2 horses, 670 hours at 50c	335 00
E. P. Joseph, 1 horse, 781 hours at 16 2-3c	130 17
E. P. Joseph, 1 man, 107 hours at 20c	<del>21 40</del>
Edward Winslow, 99 hours at 20c	19 80
Robert N. Leavitt, 273 hours at 20c	54 60
Caleb D. Litchfield, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
Samuel A. Ward, 45 hours at 20c	9 00
Levi N. Osborn, 8 hours at 20c	1 60
J. Henry Leavitt, 147 hours at 20c	29 40
Ernest Loring, 197 hours at 20c	39 40
Harold Merritt, 54 hours at 20c	10 80
Percy Merritt, 63 hours at 20c	12 60
John T. Moody and 2 horses, 85 hours at 50c	42 50
Charles Harris, 58 hours at 20c	11 60
Fred W. Gardner and 2 horses, 286 hours at 50c	143 00
Nelson Osborn, 67 hours at 20c	13 40
Carlton W. Pinson, 246 hours at 20c	49 20
E. H. Osborn, 81 hours at 20c	16 20
Alvin Vinal, 109 hours at 20c	21 80
Henry L. Studley, 156 hours at 20c	31 20
Andrew Clapp, 63 hours at 20c	12 60

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Walter Simmons and 2 horses, 99 hours at 50c	\$49 50
Clifford Brett and 2 horses, 203 hours at 50c	101 50
Clifford Brett and 3 horses, 18 hours at 66 2-3c	12 00
I. D. Chenervert and 1 horse, 54 hours at 33 1-3c	<del>163 00</del> 18 00
John S. Gardner, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
Albert Winslow, 45 hours at 20c	9 00
William D. Turner and 2 horses, 179 hours at 50c	89 50
James Smith, 175 hours at 20c	35 00
Charles Smith, 126 hours at 20c	25 20
Robert Smith, 180 hours at 20c	36 00
Simeon Damon, 76 hours at 20c	15 20
Benjamin Loring and 2 horses, 167 hours at 50c	83 50
I. H. Packard, 213 1-2 hours at 20c	42 70
John T. Hatch, 252 hours at 20c	50 40
Frank Baker, 45 hours at 20c	9 00
Fred Bates and 2 horses, 84 hours at 50c	42 00
Albion Snowdale, 140 hours at 20c	28 00
Jesse Reed and 2 horses, 6 hours at 50c	3 00
George H. Bates, 50 hours at 20c	10 00
James W. Studley, 157 1-2 hours at 20c	31 50
Samuel A. Lester, 9 hours at 20c	1 80
Samuel L. Brown, 174 hours at 20c	34 80
George H. Turner and 2 horses, 45 hours at 50c	22 50
E. Everett Jacobs and 1 horse, 97 hours at 33 1-3c	32 33
E. Everett Jacobs and 2 horses, 34 hours at 50c	17 00

E. Everett Jacobs, 72 hours at 20c	\$14 40
Charles Curtis, 54 hours at 20c	10 80
William O. Merritt and 1 horse, 53 hours at 33 1-3c	17 68
Guy S. Merritt, 80 hours at 20c	16 00
William Latour, 9 hours at 20c	1 80
O. D. Burhoff, 135 hours at 20c	27 00
Arthur Carr, 135 hours at 20c	27 00
Charles O. Keene, with man and horse, 90 hours at 53 1-3c	48 00
C. C. Merritt, 9 hours at 20c	1 80
Charles H. Bates, 95 hours at 20c	19 00
Joseph Totman, 22 hours at 20c	4 40
Alexander Black, 135 hours at 20c	27 00
Charles H. Wilder, 36 hours at 20c	16 20
Alpheus Damon, 7 hours at 20c	1 40
Bert Richardson, 113 hours at 20c	22 60
Edwin Damon, 113 hours at 20c	22 60
Harold Osborn, 36 hours at 20c	7 20
Henry W. Maine, 54 hours at 20c	10 80
Frank Damon, 36 hours at 20c	7 20
Edwin Loring, 5 hours at 20c	1 00
Henry Nichols, 11 1-2 hours at 20c	2 30
Charles Scully, 41 hours at 20c	8 20
Charles E. Brewster and 2 horses, 16 hours at 50c	8 00
Edward A. Jacobs and 2 horses, 27 hours at 50c	13 50
Francis E. Henderson and 2 horses, 193 hours at 50c	96 50
Francis E. Henderson, 120 hours at 20c	24 00
William S. Simmons and 2 horses, 76 hours at 50c	38 00
Walter Briggs, 44 hours at 20c	8 80
Richard Winslow, 41 hours at 20c	8 20



John P. Henderson and 2 horses, 36 hours at 50c	\$18 00
Henry C. Ford and 2 horses, 45 hours at 50c	22 50
William Gardner, 67 hours at 20c	13 40
Joseph H. Hatch and 2 horses, 27 hours at 50c	13 50
Amos H. Tilden, 8 hours at 20c	1 60
William R. Vinal and 1 horse, 9 hours at 33 1-3c	3 00
Edge for road machine	8 50
Mrs. J. A. Wallace, 13 loads of gravel at 6c	78
Burleigh Collins, 62 loads of gravel at 6c	3 72
Bela Jacobs' place, 219 loads of gravel at 6c	13 14
Walter Simmons, 101 loads of gravel at 6c	6 06
Mrs. Vesey, 70 loads of gravel at 6c	4 20
Benjamin Loring, 2 loads of gravel at 6c	12
Everett Winslow, 125 loads of gravel. at 6c	7 50
John T. Moody, 118 loads of gravel at 6c	7 08
Mrs. David Torrey, 13 loads of gravel at 6c	78
Mrs. G. E. Bates, 25 loads of gravel at 6c	1 50
James H. Barnard, 30 loads of gravel at 6c	1 80
Frank Thomas, 210 loads of gravel at 6c	12 60
W. A. Spaldin, 27 hours at 20c	5 40
S. A. Lester, 39 hours at 20c	7 80

C. W. Tilden, smith-work on road machine	\$7 60	
A. J. Litchfield & Sons, material for road machine	3 12	
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Total		\$2,623 37

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### HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 7.

F. E. Henderson, railing on Mill street	\$5 00	
F. E. Henderson, 1 day	2 00	
F. E. Henderson, cash paid to J. Chamberlain	1 30	
E. E. Stetson, drain pipe	2 94	
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		\$11 24

# Removing Snow.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

George W. Griggs, snow plow,	\$4 50
Timothy Sheehan, man and 1 horse, 8 hours at 50c	4 00
Timothy Sheehan, man and 2 horses, 4 hours at 75c	3 00
Timothy Sheehan, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
Charles Scully, 4 1-2 hours at 25c	1 13
A. W. Thomas, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
G. W. Jones, 3 1-2 hours at 25c	87
O. W. Lambert, 4 1-2 hours at 25c	1 12
H. W. Penniman, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
G. H. Bates, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
E. L. Loring, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
W. Loring, 2 hours at 25c	50
James J. Farrar, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
W. H. Farrar, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
W. H. Farrar and 1 horse, 10 hours at 50c	5 00
W. G. Collamore, 1 hour at 25c	25
Daniel Barnes and 2 horses, 3 hours at 75c	2 25

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\$30 12

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

W. S. Briggs and 4 horses, 10 hours at \$1.25	\$12 50
W. S. Briggs and 2 horses, 12 hours at 75c	9 00
W. S. Briggs and 1 horse, 10 hours at 50c	5 00
E. C. Briggs, 12 hours at 25c	3 00
Walter Briggs, 6 hours at 25c	1 50
Charles F. Hammond, 2 hours at 25c	50
Benj. Loring and 1 horse, 4 1-2 hours at 50c	2 25
Benj. Loring and 2 horses, 2 hours at 75c	1 50
Benj. Loring and 4 horses, 3 hours at \$1.25	3.75
Benj. Loring, 3 hours at 25c	75
A. H. Loring, 3 hours at 25c	75
F. W. Pratt, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
E. E. Jacobs, 28 hours at 25c	7 00
Charles H. Wilder, 7 hours at 25c	1 75
Alpheus Damon, 6 3-4 hours at 25c	1 69
F. B. Cobbett, 2 1-2 hours at 25c	63
Alonzo Stoddard, 7 hours at 25c	1 75
Frank W. Jones, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
Chas. H. Baker, 7 hours at 25c	1 75
Andrew Clapp, 3 hours at 25c	75
Joshua Freeman, 3 hours at 25c	75
Wm. Hayden, 1 hour at 25c	25
H. F. Howard, 7 hours at 25c	1 75

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 \$60 82

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Walter Simmons and 2 horses, 14 hours at 75c	\$10 51
Walter Simmons and 4 horses, 6 hours at \$1.25	7 50
Walter Simmons and 1 horse, 1 1-2 hours at 50c	75
Walter Simmons, 2 men and 4 horses, 2 hours at \$1.50	3 00
Walter Simmons, 1 man, 6 hours at 25c	1 50
Frank Pratt, 3 hours at 25c	75
Scot Osborn, 1 hour at 25c	25
H. Osborn, 1 hour at 25c	25
C. O. Litchfield and 2 horses, 7 hours at 75c	5 25
Chas. Stockbridge, 2 1-2 hours at 25c	63
Benj. Loring and 2 horses, 10 hours at 75c	7 50

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 \$37 89

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

J. H. Hatch and 2 horses, 14 hours at 75c	\$10 50
J. W. Hatch, 6 hours at 25c	1 50
Fred W. Gardner and 2 horses, 8 hours at 75c	6 00
Fred W. Gardner, 5 1-2 hours at 25c	1 37
Adolph Gardner, 8 hours at 25c	2 00

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## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Guy Merritt and 1 horse, 3 hours at 50c	\$1 50
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Guy Merritt and 2 horses, 12 hours at 75c	\$9 00
Wm. O. Merritt, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
E. A. Jacobs and 2 horses, 8 hours at 75c	6 00
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	\$18 50

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Walter Jacobs, 6 hours at 25c	\$ 1 50
John W. Burns and 2 horses, 13 1-2 hours at 75c	10 13
John W. Burns, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
B. F. Burns, 3 hours at 25c	75
Edgar C. Hatch, 6 1-2 hours at 25c	1 63
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	\$15 01

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

F. E. Henderson, 1 man and 2 horses, 6 1-2 hours at 75c	\$4 88
F. E. Henderson, 3 men and 3 horses, 3 hours at \$1.50	4 50
F. E. Henderson, 2 men and 2 horses, 7 hours at \$1.00	7 00
F. E. Henderson, 1 man and 1 horse, 19 hours at 50c	9 50
F. E. Henderson, 1 man, 17 hours at 25c	4 25
James W. Studley, 17 hours at 25c	4 25
J. H. Slinger, 6 hours at 25c	1 50
Fred Capill, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
S. C. Vinal, 8 1-2 hours at 25c	2 13
Chas. Smith, 9 hours at 25c	2 25



Lennie Dagan, 9 hours at 25c	\$2 25	
Jesse Winslow, 4 hours at 25c	1 00	
C. E. Barnard, 4 hours at 25c	1 00	
C. S. Dean, 1 1-2 hours at 25c	37	
Howard Packard, 11 hours at 25c	2 75	
Wm. Latour, 9 hours at 25c	2 25	
Albion Snowdale, 6 hours at 25c	1 50	
Robert Montgomery, 10 1-2 hours at 25c	2 63	
Robert Montgomery and horse, 1 hour	50	
Arthur Montgomery, 2 1-2 hours at 25c	67	
Warren Wrightington, 4 1-4 hours at 25c	1 06	
Alonzo Tolman, 1 1-2 hours at 25c	38	
		\$58 62
Total,		\$242 33

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

## ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Articles on hand Jan. 1		\$383 75
L. W. Orcutt, clothing	\$9 00	
Corthell Bros., meat, 2 years	103 79	
W. W. Cutler, meat	38 20	
H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	67 11	
F. M. Curtis & Co., supplies	138 58	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	107 66	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, grain	130 00	
W. F. Burrell, shoes	5 00	
John Menahon, dry goods,	25 62	
E. B. Tobey, dry goods	5 84	
Helen L. Fogg, wood	35 00	
George F. Welch, coal	94 69	
Samuel Olsen, fish	10 84	
A. A. Page, fish	11 08	
E. P. Joseph, ice	9 82	
Wm. H. Spencer, pigs	6 00	
Arthur I. Nash, pasture	10 00	
Frank Thomas, service of stock, 2 years	4 00	
Turner Bros., seeds	2 73	
George H. Turner, fertilizer	16 50	
Charles A. Berry, fertilizer	17 50	
Charles W. Tilden, smith-work	7 70	
Wm. D. Turner, mill work	75	
Wm. H. Spencer, repairs on pump	2 50	

J. H. Lehan, setting glass	\$ 50	
H. J. Little, M. D., medical attendance	6 00	
James H. Pinkham, cash paid for clothing	3 00	
George W. Griggs, expense taking O. Sylvester to State Board	2 00	
James H. Pinkham, salary for year	300 00	
James H. Pinkham, articles bought for cash	89 29	
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Total		\$1,644 45

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### J. H. PINKHAM'S ACCOUNT.

## DR.

Cash on hand Jan. 1	\$20 24	
Articles sold	256 00	
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		\$276 24

## CR.

Articles bought	\$89 29	
Cash paid town Treasurer	170 24	
Cash on hand	16 71	
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		\$276 24

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### ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	\$20 24
Milk	97 11
Eggs	21 96
Potatoes	14 93

Strawberries	\$3 35
Fowl	15 92
Turnips	1 00
Onions	1 00
Hay	10 00
Summer Vegetables	16 13
Carrots	36 20
Mowing for G. W. Griggs	2 25
"    " Amos Tilden	1 32
One-half hog, 2 calves, Corthell Bros.	24 08
One-half hog, A. I. Lincoln	10 75
	<hr/> \$276 24

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ARTICLES ON HAND DEC. 31, 1903.

Two hogs	\$30 00
One horse	40 00
Two cows	75 00
Fifty fowl	25 00
Manure	20 00
Hay	108 00
Lumber	10 00
Potatoes	30 00
Onions	3 00
Turnips	1 00
Colored beans	3 00
Cabbages	1 50
Corn stalks	5 00
Mangolds	1 00
Carrots	1 00
Wood	18 00
Crackers	1 50
Flour	3 00
Grain	6 00
	<hr/> \$382 00

## SUMMARY OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Total expenditure	\$1,644 45
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## ALMSHOUSE CREDITS.

Articles sold	\$256 00
Articles on hand	382 00
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	\$638 00
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Total cost, including 54 tramps	\$1,006 45

## OUT-DOOR POOR.

## SARAH A. STUDLEY.

Cash for aid	\$52 00
C. H. Davie, M. D.	66 00
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	\$118 00

## MRS. WILLIAM T. HUNT.

Town of Rockland, aid	\$10 95
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## FRANK H. STODDARD.

Town of Rockland, aid	\$12 86
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## E. C. LITCHFIELD'S CHILDREN.

Mrs. L. S. Grant, cash	\$62 00
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## JAMES COSTELLO.

F. M. Curtis & Co., supplies	\$117 00	
C. L. Howes, medical attendance to March 2	83 50	
C. L. Howes, medical supplies	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$225 50

## EDGAR LEE.

C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial of child	\$18 00	
H. J. Little, medical attendance	46 00	
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## SARAH HARRIS.

Mass. Homeopathic Hospital, board	\$109 50	
H. J. Little, medical attendance	39 50	
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## MARY ANN GARDNER.

John S. Brooks, supplies	\$52 68	
H. J. Little, medical attendance	35 00	
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## MRS. STEPHEN THOMAS.

H. J. Little, medical attendance	\$1 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	98 64	
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## E. E. GUNDERWAY.

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	\$74 00
H. J. Little, medical attendance	14 00
A. L. MacMillan, medical attendance	33 50
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	\$121 50

## DAVID GRIFFITH.

W. D. Turner, wood	\$28 00
Charles F. Keene, fitting wood	1 00
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	38 86
E. M. Sexton, milk	14 70
Corthell Bros., meat	24 64
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	\$107 20

## LORENZO CROMWELL.

H. J. Little, medical attendance	37 25
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## HENRY W. WINSLOW.

H. J. Little, medical attendance	47 00
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## BRIDGET SHEA.

State Hospital, board	146 00
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## BELLA FREEMAN.

Worcester Insane Asylum, board	169 46
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## MARY AGNES GARDNER.

Taunton Hospital, board	169 46
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## BENJAMIN LEE AND FAMILY.

City of Brockton	\$50 98
Total	<u>\$1,678 48</u>

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PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENT IN  
OTHER TOWNS.

## L. L. PIERCE, Hanson.

Cash aid	\$40 00
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## REUBEN S. GURNEY, Dana.

J. S. Brooks, supplies	\$5 00
Linscott & Bryant, supplies	5 39
Cash aid	5 00
	<u>          </u>
	\$15 39

## JOSIAH W. CHAMBERLAIN, Holbrook.

Phillips, Bates & Co., coal	\$29 00
M. Little, supplies	106 00
A. L. MacMillan, medical attendance	42 75
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	\$177 75

## CHESTER TAYLOR, Scituate.

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	\$52 00
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## LABAN R. BATES, Hull.

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	\$17 00
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## CLARENCE GARDNER, Duxbury.

Mrs. A. Snowdale, nurse	\$15 00
Wm. P. Grovestein, medical attendance,	30 00
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	\$45 00

## BERNARD RANDALL, Duxbury.

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	\$4 00
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## C. E. McPHERSON, Canton.

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	\$151 20
H. J. Little, medical attendance	5 25
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	\$156 45

## WM. H. SEARS, Plymouth.

H. J. Little, medical attendance	\$1 00
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Total	\$508 59

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 GEORGE A. JACHMAN, State.

A. J. Litchfield, supplies	\$9 00
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Total from State	\$9 00

## SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT.

Total amount paid for out-door poor	\$2,196 07	
Net cost of poor at Almshouse	<u>1,006 45</u>	
		\$3,202 52
Less amount refunded by towns and state		<u>517 59</u>
		\$2,684 93

GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
HENRY D. SMITH,  
Overseers of the Poor.

## Soldiers' Relief.

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Paid — Town of Hanover	
Aid to Joanna Keene	\$231 78
Town of Rockland	
Aid to William Slason	7 50
Charles H. Totman, cash	25 00
John T. Hatch	
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial	35 00

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### SOLDIERS' RELIEF TO PERSONS HAVING A SETTLEMENT IN OTHER TOWNS.

Lyman B. Fitts, Marshfield,	
Cash	\$32 00
Medical attendance	40 00
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	\$62 00
Benjamin K. Barrett, Whitman	\$75 00
John Chadwick, Oxford.	
Paid C. W. & E. H. Sparrell	\$35 00
Paid W. P. Grovestein, M. D.	25 00
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	\$60 00

Bradford Little, Dartmouth.

Paid H. J. Little, M. D.

\$63 00

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 \$559 28

Due from State for soldiers' burial

\$70 00

Due from other towns

225 00

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 \$295 00

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 \$264 28

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 STATE AID PAID IN 1903.

Charles D. Barnard	\$48 00
David Bassford	58 00
Amanda Bassford	48 00
Lorenzo Bates	54 00
Benjamin K. Barrett	72 00
John Chadwick	30 00
Amanda Coleman	48 00
Abbie F. Coleman	24 00
Timothy B. Chapman	60 00
John Corthell	48 00
Josephine Corthell	16 00
Josiah W. Chamberlain	72 00
Maria B. Damon	48 00
Ensign B. Damon	48 00
Lucy Damon	36 00
Hannah Dover	24 00
Frank Dyer	16 00
Charles David	72 00
Daniel R. Ewell	72 00
Seth O. Fitts	60 00



Lyman B. Fitts	\$72 00
Mathias French	18 00
Reuben S. Gurney	24 00
Leander W. Grose	60 00
John T. Hatch	20 00
Sarah Hatch	48 00
George A. Hatch	60 00
Susan H. Higbee	8 00
John H. Howard	48 00
Wm. A. Knight	72 00
Bradford Little	48 00
Charles M. Leavitt	48 00
Wm. H. Morse	48 00
Wm. O. Merritt	48 00
Diana Pierce	48 00
Benjamin W. Prouty	4 00
Wm. H. Rand	60 00
David P. Robinson	36 00
Harriet Raymond	48 00
Mary Shepherd	48 00
Edwin Studley	48 00
Wm. E. Stone	25 00
Charles H. Totman	48 00
George O. Torrey	72 00
George T. Tolman	60 00
James W. Warner	9 00
James H. Williams	72 00
Albert Winslow	48 00
Esther M. Young	48 00

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\$2,260 00

Approved by Commissioners, and due  
from state.

## Town Officers.

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A. J. Litchfield, tax collector	\$225 00
George Cushing, auditor	20 00
Walter T. Osborn, constable	70 00
Walter T. Osborn, High street raid	11 25
George W. Griggs, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor	150 00
Alpheus Thomas, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	140 00
Henry D. Smith, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	135 00
J. Warren Foster, inspector of animals	52 00
J. Warren Foster, constable	35 50
Mary E. Curtis, school committee	38 00
Benjamin Loring, school committee	25 00
Geo. C. Turner, school committee	22 23
E. E. Stetson, registrar of voters	15 00
J. H. Prouty, registrar of voters	15 00
C. A. Berry, registrar of voters	15 00
John Corthell, constable	10 00
John Corthell, posting warrants	9 00
E. E. Chamberlain, constable	29 00
W. E. Wilder, constable	10 00
Israel Hatch, school committee	12 50
Joseph F. Merritt, town clerk	53 50
Horace T. Fogg, treasurer	100 00
H. J. Little, board of health	15 20
Chas. Scully, election officer	3 00

John Whalen, election officer	\$3 00	
John Corthell, tree warden	35 80	
	<hr/>	\$1,250 48

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### TOWN HALL.

Horace T. Fogg, insurance	\$18 75	
Fred J. Croning, janitor	30 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	61	
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### TREE WARDEN.

Paid Charles Tolman, trees	\$7 00	
Paid A. W. Pinson, trees	7 00	
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### CEMETERY.

E. C. Briggs, labor	\$3 50	
Charles H. Lapham, labor	4 60	
John Brown, labor	3 60	
J. H. Sawyer, labor	1 80	
John A. Sawyer, labor	1 80	
J. L. Prouty, labor	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$18 90

Received from sale of lots, \$32.00.

## STATE ROAD.

E. P. Joseph, surveyor, 63 1-3 days at \$2.50,	\$158 34
E. P. Joseph, men, 354 hours at 20c	70 80
E. P. Joseph, 3 horse team, 259 hours at 66 2-3c	172 66
E. P. Joseph, 2 horse team, 1126 hours at 50c	563 00
Clifford Brett and 2 horses, 449 hours at 50c	<del>964 80</del> 224 50
Tilon Williams and 2 horses, 149 hours at 50c	74 50
Henry C. Ford and 2 horses, 159 hours at 50c	79 50
William D. Turner and 2 horses, 97 hours at 50c	48 50
Fred W. Gardner and 2 horses, 456 hours at 50c	228 00
John C. Brown and 2 horses, 86 hours at 50c	43 00
James Greene and 1 horse, 468 hours at 33 1-3c	156 00
William Latour, 478 hours at 20c	95 60
Robert Smith, 90 hours at 20c	18 00
Charles Smith, 85 hours at 20c	17 00
Ernest Loring, 94 hours at 20c	18 80
S. A. Lester, 45 hours at 20c	9 00
Robert N. Leavitt, 54 hours at 20c	10 80
O. D. Burhoff, 111 hours at 20c	22 20
Carlton W. Pinson, 170 hours at 20c	34 00
John T. Hatch, 145 hours at 20c	29 00
James C. Smith, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
Henry L. Studley, 374 hours at 20c	74 80
Alexander Black, 386 hours at 20c	77 20

964 80  
622 96  
1587 76

224 50  
163  
387 50

James W. Smith, 57 hours at 20c	\$11 40
Arthur Carr, 434 hours at 20c	86 80
Guy S. Merritt, 465 hours at 20c	93 00
Edward C. Jacobs, 21 hours at 20c	4 20
Seth O. Fitts, 85 1-2 hours at 20c	17 10
Charles O. Keene, 57 hours at 20c	11 40
Charles H. Bates, 368 hours at 20c	73 60
Leonard Winslow, 55 hours at 20c	11 00
George Ward, 41 hours at 20c	8 20
Patrick Galvin, 316 hours at 20c	63 20
Edward T. Wright, 203 hours at 20c	40 60
Bert Richardson, 36 hours at 20c	7 20
Carl Richardson, 36 hours at 20c	7 20
Joseph Totman, 151 hours at 20c	30 20
Harold Osborn, 108 hours at 20c	21 60
Timothy Dacey, 300 hours at 20c	60 00
Samuel L. Brown, 81 hours at 20c	16 20
Chester Fitts, 14 hours at 16 2-3c	2 33
James Greene, 1047 loads gravel at 6c	62 82
James Greene, 121 loads gravel at 3c	3 63
L. C. Hall, 8 days at \$2.50	20 00
L. C. Hall, oil and waste	35
L. C. Hall, board	6 00
Scituate Water Co.	10 40
Henry A. Baker, water cart	6 00
Geoge F. Welch, coal	18 75
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Total	\$2,921 98

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### TOWN INCIDENTALS.

C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, returning deaths (1902)	\$4 25
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, returning deaths (1903)	6 75

Carrie M. Ford, printing	\$19 75
Ralph Burbank, expense at fire in Valley Swamp	1 50
Robert Babson, repairing ballot box	6 50
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, flowers for Henry Norwell	25 00
B. H. Irving, printing town reports	90 00
Joseph F. Merritt, making returns to state	18 90
A. S. Peterson, account books	2 50
Alpheus Thomas, car fare and telephone	2 00
J. Frank Gear, formalin for Board of Health	6 00
C. S. Deane, surveying Church Hill land	8 00
F. M. Curtis & Co., stamps and stationery	13 66
A. E. Fish, expressing	6 30
Rockland Standard, printing	2 50
Hobbs & Warren, blanks	1 64
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks	2 50
Warren B. Wrightington, watching fire	2 00
Charles T. Leavitt, service of Hingham fire department	9 75
Austin Peters, stamp for Board of Health	1 75
Thomas Groome & Co., order books and tax books	14 00
Wakefield Daily Item, printing	1 00
Adams, Cushing & Foster, book for clerk	2 75
H. N. Magoun & Co., repairs to Delano Hill water pipe	4 05
Frank W. Jones, repairs to District No. 2 pump	1 00

Little, Brown & Co., town officer	\$4 00
Barry Printing Co., blanks	1 65
Barry Printing Co., voting lists	10 50
Helen L. Fogg, rent of safe	8 00
A. J. Litchfield, postage and stationery for Collector	14 79
Floretta Vining, printing notice rail- way hearing	4 00
Henry D. Smith, repairs to Delano Hill water pipe	1 50
F. H. Kidder, guide board Barstow avenue	75
County Commissioners, entry fee petition	3 00
Alden M. Beach, watching fire	2 00
James J. Farrar, labor at fire	1 20
Patrick Gammon, labor at fire	80
Andrew Stoddard, labor at fire	80
Joseph Griffin, labor at fire	80
Fred W. Farrar, labor at fire	80
W. W. Farrar, labor at fire	80
George C. Turner, burying horse	1 25
Town of Pembroke, seeding ponds	7 80
H. J. Little, M. D., return of births	1 75
O. H. Howe, M. D., return of births	75
C. L. Howes, M. D., return of births	1 00
Joseph Frame, M. D., return of births	75
A. J. Litchfield & Son, stationery	36
George S. Hatch, expressing	4 25
H. T. Fogg, legal services	18 00
Joseph F. Merritt, service at special meeting	3 00
Town of Marshfield, painting and care of Union bridge	16 82
Charles A. Berry, fertilizer for Common	9 00

Total

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\$374 17



## RECAPITULATION.

Taxes Abated	\$76 55
Highway expenditures	2,634 61
Snow expenditures	242 33
Town officers	1,250 48
Tree warden	14 00
Town hall	49 36
Town incidentals	374 17
Cemetery	18 90
Almshouse expenses	1,644 45
Aid to out-door poor	2,196 07
Soldiers' relief	559 28
State Aid	2,260 00
State road	2,921 98
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	\$14,242 18

## CREDITS.

Refunded by the State	\$9 00
Refunded by towns	508 59
Almshouse credits	638 00
State Aid	2,260 00
Soldiers' relief	295 00
Cattle inspection, due from State	26 00
Cemetery, sale of lots	32 00
State, for road	1,000 00
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	\$4,768 59
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	\$9,773 59

Norwell, Jan. 23, 1904.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen and Collector and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for all payments made.

GEORGE CUSHING, Auditor.

# Financial Statement.

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## LIABILITIES.

Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings Bank	\$4,500 00
Notes in favor of the Coffin fund	2,000 00
Notes in favor of the Otis fund	1,300 00

## ASSETS.

Due from —	
State, for State Aid	\$2,260 00
Towns, for aid to poor	508 59
Towns, for soldiers' relief	295 00
State, for inspection of cattle	26 00
Corporation and bank tax	406 80
Outstanding tax	10 66
Granderson mortgage	150 00
State, for aid to poor	9 00

## List of Jurors.

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A list of persons qualified to serve as jurors to be presented to the town for acceptance or revision.

James L. Litchfield	Farmer
Alpheus Damon	Grocer
Clifton S. Dean	Teacher
George F. Cate	Farmer
Arthur T. Stoddard	Shoe stitcher
L. Frank Hammond	Farmer
Francis E. Henderson	Teamer
Wallace H. Damon,	Farmer
Walter T. Osborn	Retired
Frank M. Vining	Shoemaker
Henry J. Tolman	Carpenter
Arthur C. Jones	Shoe cutter
Seth Foster	Retired
Edwin A. Turner	Hotel keeper
Amos H. Tilden	Farmer
Daniel W. Ross	Cabinet maker
Herbert E. Robbins	Bookkeeper
Tilon Williams	Farmer
George E. Torrey	Farmer
Walter C. Barnard	Provision dealer
Lebbeus Leach	Retired
George H. Tisdale	Foreman stitcher
George A. Turner	Carpenter
John F. Turner	Carpenter
Henry L. Nichols	Shoemaker

# Trustees' Report.

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## TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

### TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND.

Amount of Fund		\$2,000 00
Loaned on town note at 4 per cent.		
On hand Jan. 1, 1903	\$135 89	
Interest on bank book	3 70	
Interest on town note	80 00	
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		\$219 59
Paid for care of cemetery lot	5 00	
Paid worthy poor	89 00	
In bank Dec. 31, 1903	107 59	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1903	18 00	
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		\$219 59

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

### TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Amount of fund	\$2,000 00
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Loaned on town note	\$1,300 00	
In savings bank	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00
On hand Jan. 1, 1903	134 97	
Interest on bank books	31 80	
Interest on town note	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$218 77
Paid worthy poor	46 00	
Paid inmates of almshouse	32 00	
In bank Dec. 31, 1903	140 77	
	<hr/>	\$218 77

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## EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

### PRUDENCE C. DELANO CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$300 00	
Interest on deposit January 1, 1903	49 37	
Interest on bank book	28 56	
	<hr/>	\$377 93
Paid for care of lot	\$14 50	
Interest on deposit January 1, 1904	63 43	
Fund on deposit January 1, 1904	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$377 93

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit January 1, 1903	37 38	
Interest on bank book	9 58	
	<hr/>	\$246 96
Paid for care of lot	\$8 00	
Interest on deposit January 1, 1904	38 96	
Fund on deposit January 1, 1904	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$246 96

## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

## NANCY HERSEY CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1903	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1903	11 44	
Interest on bank book	4 48	
	<hr/>	\$115 92
Paid for care of lot	\$3 00	
Interest on deposit Dec. 31, 1903	12 92	
Fund on deposit December 31, 1903	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$115 92



FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
BETSEY B. TOLMAN CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on bank book	4 04	
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Paid for care of lot	\$4 04	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1904	100 00	
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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH  
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1903	14 90	
Interest on bank book	8 66	
	<hr/>	\$223 56
Paid for care of lot	5 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1904	18 56	
Fund on deposit, Jan. 1, 1904	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$223 56

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS CEMETERY  
AND TOMB FUND.

Amount of fund	\$1,500 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1903	293 94	
Interest on bank books	72 44	
	<hr/>	\$1,866 38
Paid for care of lots	\$57 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1904	309 38	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1904	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,866 38

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

## GEORGE P. CLAPP CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund deposited April 18, 1903	\$100 00	
Interest on bank book	1 01	
	<hr/>	\$101 01
On deposit Jan. 1, 1904		\$101 01

GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
HENRY D. SMITH,  
Trustees.

# Transcript of Articles in the Warrant.

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FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 7, 1904,  
AT NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk,

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Article 4. To choose all such town officers as the laws of the state and the by-laws of the town require.

Article 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?"

Article 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses.

Article 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools.

Article 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs.

Article 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same.

Article 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year.

Article 11. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 13. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Article 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

Article 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

Article 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of state and military aid.

Article 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

Article 18. What sum of money will the town raise for repairs of schoolhouses and incidentals.

Article 19. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Article 20. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

Article 21. Will the town cause a receiving tomb to be built in the cemetery, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 22. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year.

Article 23. Will the town change the name of the street leading from River street, at a point near the residence of Albert N. Farrar, to the Hanover line at "Winslow's bridge," from Mill street to Tiffany road.

Article 24. Will the town accept a legacy from Mary O. Robbins for the care of her lot in the cemetery at Norwell near the Unitarian church. Any part of the income from said legacy not used for the care of said lot, to be used for the benefit of the poor of the town.

Article 25. Will the town give any instruction to the town officers.

Article 26. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant will present them to the Selectmen on or before Feb. 20, 1904.

GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
HENRY D. SMITH,

Selectmen of Norwell.

## Citizens' Caucus.

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The citizens of the Town of Norwell are requested to meet at the Town hall, Norwell, on Friday evening, February 26, 1904, at 8 o'clock, to nominate town officers for the ensuing year and to transact any other business that may properly come before them.

PER ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NORWELL

FOR THE YEAR 1903.

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ROCKLAND:  
THE ROCKLAND STANDARD PUB. CO. PRINT.  
1904.





# Report of the School Committee.

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To the Citizens of Norwell.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1903, Mr. George C. Turner was elected a member of the School Committee for a term of three years. The Committee organized with Mr. Loring, Chairman, and Mrs. Curtis, Secretary.

## SUPERVISION.

We are more than pleased that we have been able to retain the services of our popular Superintendent, Mr. C. A. Record. At the meeting of the joint committee of the towns of Hanover, Hanson, and Norwell, on April 11, 1903, he was unanimously re-elected and has served us, as heretofore, faithfully and well.

## TEACHERS.

Miss Louise E. Ford, who had taught in our town for a number of years, resigned her position at the end of the fall term, and was succeeded by Miss Minnie G. Robbins, a graduate of our High school and of the Normal school at Framingham. Her work has been very satisfactory.

To our great regret, Miss Adella F. Nichols, sent in her resignation at the end of the school year and has been succeeded by Miss M. Abbie Packard of our town, a graduate of Hanover High school and the Quincy Training school. Miss Packard had been teaching the past year in Marshfield and her work with us has been of the best.

## TRANSPORTATION.

As it was again the vote of the town to transport the pupils, the Committee gave the contracts to the following persons on routes and at prices named. Charles E. Brewster, from No. 1 to High School, \$12 per week. Wm. T. Lapham, pupils from District No. 2 to District No. 5 and back to High School, \$8.50 per week. James L. Litchfield, pupils from Nos. 4 and 6 to No. 5 Grammar School and back to No. 6 Primary School, \$10 per week. Mrs. E. L. Loring, pupils from No. 3 to District No. 5 and High School, \$10 per week. C. D. Barnard, No. 7 to High School, \$8 per week.

We feel sure that the transportation system has come to stay, as by that means, every pupil living at any great distance from the schoolhouse has no excuse for non-attendance, but is carried to and from school in comfortable conveyances, with careful drivers. But notwithstanding transportation and everything else that has been done for the pupils, the attendance in some of the schools is miserable. Cannot something be done to make parents and guardians realize the importance of keeping the children in school? Excuses are offered for non-attendance at school which would be considered ridiculous by these same parents did anyone offer them such excuses. We do not expect children to attend school if they are not able, but if they came every day when they were able, the attendance would be much better than now. We have arranged these transportation routes just the very best that we knew how, and in such a manner as to accommodate the greatest number of pupils. It is impossible, as you will readily understand, to pass everyone's house or to start at a time that will exactly meet everyone's approval. A large majority of the children who are transported are much better accommodated than when the district system was maintained. They attend school more regularly and do more and better work.

## PUBLIC EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

The annual Memorial Day exercises were held in the Unitarian church, as was the case last year, and were enjoyed very much by the large audience present.

Departing from our usual custom, the graduating exercises of the High school were held in the church at Assinippi, instead of at the Town hall, as heretofore. And, as it proved a very pleasant change, we shall continue the innovation, holding the exercises next year in the church at Norwell Center.

By invitation of the Rev. E. H. Keens, the graduating class listened to an excellent and practical baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 14, to which also the other members of the High school and friends were invited.

Other pleasant events of the year were the Christmas exercises which nearly every school held at the end of the fall term at which parents and friends are always welcome. We earnestly wish that more would avail themselves of these invitations. You have no idea how much it encourages both teacher and pupils to have an audience when they have worked hard to prepare the exercises.

We have now enrolled in our schools outside of the High school, 184 pupils and we employ eight teachers; these pupils could be taught better by five teachers if they were in one building. Just look at the salaries that would be saved, besides fuel, janitor's wages and repairs. We pay now for transportation nearly enough to transport all the pupils in town if they all went to the same building. You say, "Oh, we cannot let our children go so far from home to attend school." Why not? The children are well cared for. Times have changed—we cannot with the present state of affairs in our town maintain schools in every district. Your children are better accommodated than you were.

Even in cities, children do not always attend the schools nearest them by any means, but have to walk fully as far and farther in many cases than do our children.

Our primary teachers, to whose charge the little ones are entrusted, are as careful of their health and welfare as are the mothers.

With the graded schools of the present time a teacher has more time to study the needs of each scholar than was formerly the case when a teacher had an ungraded school of forty or more scholars, with classes in every study from kindergarten to High school work. In District No. 1 there are only thirty pupils in both schools, while in District No. 7 there are but twenty-nine. Cannot the townspeople see that something must be done, and that at once. We cannot afford to hire four teachers when two could do this work and more beside if our schools were only in one central building.

Let us take counsel together at the annual meeting and try to decide what can be done for the best interests of the schools of our town. Let us not go backward but forward in the matter of educating our children. Build one good building, place all the schools therein. In the beginning it will be an expense, but in the end we shall find that we have made a great advance in educational matters, and that our schools compare more than favorably with those of other towns of even larger size.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,  
GEORGE C. TURNER,  
MARY E. CURTIS,  
School Committee of Norwell.

# Expenditures.

## EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the winter term of ten weeks, 1903, but chargeable to the appropriation of 1902.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES.

John A. Hunnewell	\$240 00
Mattie S. Wilder	105 00
A. Gertrude Jones	35 00
Adella F. Nichols	90 00
Sarah F. Richardson	90 00
Mary A. Schenck	80 00
Martha C. Scully	90 00
Marion G. Merritt	90 00
Minnie G. Robbins	80 00
Mrs. S. M. Butterick	90 00
Maria W. Tolman	90 00
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	\$1,080 00

### SUPERVISION.

C. A. Record	\$150 00
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## TRANSPORTATION.

Mrs. E. L. Loring	\$160 95	
L. F. Hammond	100 00	
James L. Litchfield	80 00	
Tilon Williams	10 00	
William T. Lapham	110 00	
E. E. Stetson	40 50	
	<hr/>	\$501 45

## CARE OF ROOMS.

Clarence Joseph, No. 4, fall term, 1902	\$4 00	
Willie C. Tolman, No. 7, fall term, 1902	9 75	
Edwin W. French, No. 5, winter term, 1903	15 00	
Vincent Harriman, No. 1, winter term, 1903	10 00	
Seth O. Fitts, No. 6, winter term, 1903	4 00	
Willie C. Tolman, No. 7, winter term, 1903	8 50	
Clarence Joseph, No. 4, winter term, 1903	3 20	
Gertrude Leslie, No. 4, winter term, 1903	80	
F. J. Croning, High, winter term, 1903	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$85 25

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE  
APPROPRIATION.

For Spring and Fall Terms, 1903.

## TEACHERS' SALARIES.

John A. Hunnewell	\$630 00
Mattie S. Wilder	294 00



A. Gertrude Jones, drawing teacher	\$90 00
Adella F. Nichols, Dist. No. 1, Grammar	108 00
M. Abbie Packard " " 1, " "	128 00
Sarah F. Richardson " " 1, Primary	252 00
Mary A. Schenck " " 4, Mixed	252 00
Marion G. Merritt " " 5, Primary	252 00
Martha C. Scully " " 5, Grammar	268 00
Minnie G. Robbins " " 6, Mixed	252 00
Mrs. S. M. Buttrick " " 7, Grammar	252 00
Maria W. Tolman " " 7, Primary	252 00

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\$3,030 00

#### CARE OF ROOMS.

Fred J. Croning, High School	\$125 00
Vincent S. Harriman, District No. 1	10 00
Bernard M. Scully, District No. 1	10 00
Gertrude Leslie, District No. 4	4 00
Willie E. Leslie, District No. 4	4 00
Edwin W. French, District No. 5	28 00
Wallace Henderson, District No. 6	8 00
Willie C. Tolman, District No. 7	18 85

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\$207 85

#### FUEL AND FITTING.

Phillips, Bates & Co., coal	\$24 00
C. H. Baker, moving wood	1 50
Benjamin Loring, wood, as per contract	28 50
T. C. Sampson, wood, as per contract	32 00
Charles H. Totman, work on wood	16 50
D. W. Turner & Son, wood, as per contract	73 08
Henry C. Ford, sawing wood	26 00

John Whalen, wood	\$2 50	
Harold Sexton and Ralph Merritt, housing wood	3 15	
W. H. Briggs, labor on wood	3 50	
H. T. Fogg, wood, as per contract	8 78	
George F. Welch, coal	42 18	
W. E. Leslie, housing wood	1 50	
F. J. Croning, work on wood	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$265 19

## SUPERINTENDENT.

Received from State	\$250 00	
Town appropriation	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Paid C. A. Record		350 00
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		\$150 00

## TRANSPORTATION.

James L. Litchfield	\$278 00	
Tilon Williams	36 00	
Mrs. E. L. Loring	314 74	
William T. Lapham	203 28	
E. E. Stetson	48 60	
C. E. Brewster	336 00	
C. D. Barnard	128 00	
A. E. Fish	4 00	
George B. Ellms	6 00	
Arthur C. Litchfield	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,366 62

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$48 73
American Book Co.	3 88
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	59 84
Allen, Totman & Co.	98 13
Edward E. Babb & Co.	157 75
D. C. Heath & Co.	38 37
Samuel Ward Co.	21 75
Ginn & Co.	41 13
Miss L. A. Hicks	3 00
A. C. Boyden	1 80
Charles P. Sinnott	2 70
Silver, Burdett & Co.	7 20
Allyn & Bacon	3 50

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 \$487 78

## CLEANING SCHOOLHOUSES.

Mrs. Eva L. Winslow, District No. 7	\$9 00
Mrs. Mary A. Osborne, District Nos. 4 and 5	15 00
Mrs. Annie F. Scully, District No. 1	12 00
Seth O. Fitts, District No. 6	6 50
Fred J. Croning, High school	6 50

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 \$49 00

## SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

George F. Welch, blackboards (1902)	\$20 21
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies (1902 and 1903)	4 94
Harry S. Merritt, labor	4 80
C. L. Rice & Son, chairs, curtains, etc.	21 10

William H. Spencer, labor on stoves and materials furnished	\$20 85
William H. Spencer, repairing pump	3 50
D. W. Ross, labor and materials	21 75
William O. Merritt, labor	5 00
Cassius C. Merritt, labor at No. 4 and High	51 63
George F. Welch, lumber, etc.	65 87
John Whalen, freight, carting and labor at No. 4	9 19
John A. Loring, labor and materials	4 25
F. M. Curtis & Co., merchandise to the several schools	8 08
Georgé A. Turner, pump and setting, No. 4	7 00
Allen, Totman & Co., furniture for District No. 4	86 50
Thomas Barstow, labor and materials, No. 7	8 85
W. W. Wade, tuning and repairing piano, High	2 50
W. S. Simmons, labor at No. 7	2 10
Mattie S. Wilder, supplies for High school	1 15
C. M. Ford, printing and stationery	12 30
Benjamin Loring, cash paid for labor at Nos. 1, 5, 6 and High	4 00
John H. Sparrell, freight and carting	4 50
Francis E. Henderson, labor at No. 7	2 00
B. H. Irving, printing	10 00
J. H. Lehan, painting and glazing	27 39
Chandler Chair and Desk Co., furni- ture for High	53 25
C. H. Lapham, labor at No. 1	2 00
A. W. Robinson, labor at No. 1	1 00
Bernard M. Scully, supplies at No. 1	60

C. C. Merritt, water, District No. 4	\$2 00
F. J. Croning, water, lock and keys, High	3 60
Mary E. Curtis, postage and telephon- ing	4 37

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### HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

Besides the regular State school fund we have an extra State fund of \$300 for the sole benefit of the High school. Of this fund we have paid out as follows :

Ginn & Co., books	\$117 13
Roy P. Hatch, books	23 00
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., apparatus	22 05
American Book Co., books	22 60
D. C. Heath & Co., books	7 90
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	\$192 68

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### AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PRESENT YEAR.

Town appropriation	\$5,100 00
Dog tax	305 81
State Board of Charity	110 00
Received from the State on account of teachers' salaries	166 67
Town of Rockland, tuition	52 00
State school fund	526 34

Sale of desks	\$1 00
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	\$6,261 82
Amount expended	4,869 66
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	\$1,392 16
Expenses to April (estimated)	1,786 00
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Deficit	\$393 84

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Norwell, Jan. 13, 1904.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find vouchers for all amounts paid.

GEORGE CUSHING, Auditor.

## ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

	WINTER TERM—1903.						SPRING TERM—1903.						FALL TERM—1903.					
	Number enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Number of tardy marks.	Number of visitors.	Number enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Number of tardy marks.	Number of visitors.	Number enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Number of tardy marks.	Number of visitors.
No. 1 Primary	17	15.33	12	78.12	3	16	17	15.25	14.37	.95	1	16	12	10.48	10.19	.93	14	44
No. 1 Grammar	21	13.61	16.8	88.17	0	11	20	18.65	17.98	.96	0	32	18	16.5	15.34	.94	0	28
No. 4 Mixed	30	26	19.66	76	46	10	27	24	21.33	.88	46	7	24	19.5	17.51	.89	24	43
No. 5 Primary	29	25.17	21.06	83.5	3	12	28	25	22.41	.89	1	9	29	27.81	23.86	.86	12	12
No. 5 Grammar	41	39.52	33.37	.90	3	12	42	36.48	34.6	.95	4	11	31	38.81	36.04	.93	17	23
No. 6 Mixed	17	15.39	12.45	80	13	14	18	16.09	14.40	.89	4	11	31	29.39	27.79	.94	13	15
No. 7 Primary	21	20.23	15.4	.76	17	6	19	16.96	15.4	.91	12	19	18	17.93	17	.94	8	15
No. 7 Grammar	14	13.98	12.62	88	1	2	14	13.45	12.55	.93	12	19	11	11	10.68	.97	1	13
High	43	41.9	38.5	.92	16	8	40	39.66	37.69	.95	5	12	38	53.84	51.47	.95	4	15

SCHOOLS.



## Report of Superintendent.

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To the School Committee : —

The lines of work followed in the schools during the past year have been identical with those pursued in previous years with few exceptions.

Five years ago the study of elementary algebra was introduced into the Grammar schools, as at that time the course in algebra at the High school was too brief and the conditions of the school prevented extension of time to the subject.

During the years that I have mentioned, conditions have been changing, so that within the past year we have been able to recast the course of studies for the High school and in so doing have arranged to extend the course in algebra, consequently the formal study of this subject has been taken from the work of the Grammar school, except what can be taught profitably in correlation with the study of arithmetic.

Some entertain a mistaken idea concerning the study of algebra. They class it among the so-called impractical subjects. No one denies that as far as actual business transactions of life are concerned, that there are portions of this subject studied in our schools, which seem useless. The same criticism can be made concerning portions of arithmetic. But in teaching the so-called essential portions of arithmetic and algebra we find that an understanding of some of these impractical portions frequently very

much assist the pupil to understand the essentials, therefore great care must be exercised in using the pruning shears.

Again, to return to the subject of changes.

When elementary algebra was taken from the Grammar schools, it was thought advisable to substitute in its place elementary book-keeping, which was then being taught at the High school.

The eighth grade of the Grammar school was considered the best place for this work, as there nearly every pupil in town would receive instruction in making out ordinary business forms, as bills, notes, and receipts, and in a simple form of accounts, a knowledge of which seems almost indispensable to every citizen of sound mind.

The High school did not seem as desirable a place for this subject as the Grammar school, principally for the reason that, occasionally, a pupil upon leaving the Grammar school does not attend the High, and some that enter the High remain but a short time.

A change has been made in the study of geography by the fifth grade.

It has been the custom to place some text-book in the hands of the pupil and require him to study and repeat, in most instances, parrot-like, what he found there, if he could read it.

This feature of our school work was discussed at a teachers' meeting last June, and all expressed the opinion that much time was lost while pursuing the subject, in Grade V, in the manner indicated; accordingly, it was decided to use in the fifth grade, hereafter, simple and interesting geographical readers, of which there are many, and to follow, in the formal study of geography, an outline comprised of subjects pertaining to the earth as a whole.

By the method previously pursued, the pupil in his sixth grade work was obliged to spend quite a portion of his time in going over the same ground covered during the fifth grade period. In the adoption of the present plan we hope

and expect to obviate this undesirable feature, except in a slight degree, which the necessity of reviews may entail.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL.

It may fittingly be said of the High school that it is undergoing reconstruction.

The State has held out certain inducements to small High schools which we have accepted together with attending obligations. No matter what the apparent purposes and aims of other High schools are, it should be the purpose and aim of ours to give the boys and girls within its walls such training and instruction as shall best prepare them for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. The school should be conducted in consideration of the ninety-nine that do not intend to go to college instead of the one that may go.

It is not my purpose to imply that the Norwell High school is being conducted too much on the plan of a "fitting" school, but to sound a word of warning, that when it issues from this reconstruction epoch it may emerge with correct purposes and aims. While the State demands that the school offer courses of study that will prepare pupils for colleges and scientific institutions, it does not demand that these courses be in constant operation, but that the school possess facilities that will accomplish certain results when certain lines of action are pursued.

The State has long realized the inability of small towns to maintain High schools that could offer such training and instruction as would raise the standard of citizenship, hence the enactment of legislation granting such towns financial assistance.

This aid is not given with the intent to lessen a town's obligation, but to enable it to improve the condition of its High school, which could receive but little in the line of improved facilities if dependent upon local taxation alone.

Thus the facilities of our own High school have been improved far more during the past year, than local support alone could have afforded.

As I have already stated, the purpose of the High school should be to train and instruct citizens, to develop the highest traits of manhood and womanhood, to discourage all pernicious tendencies.

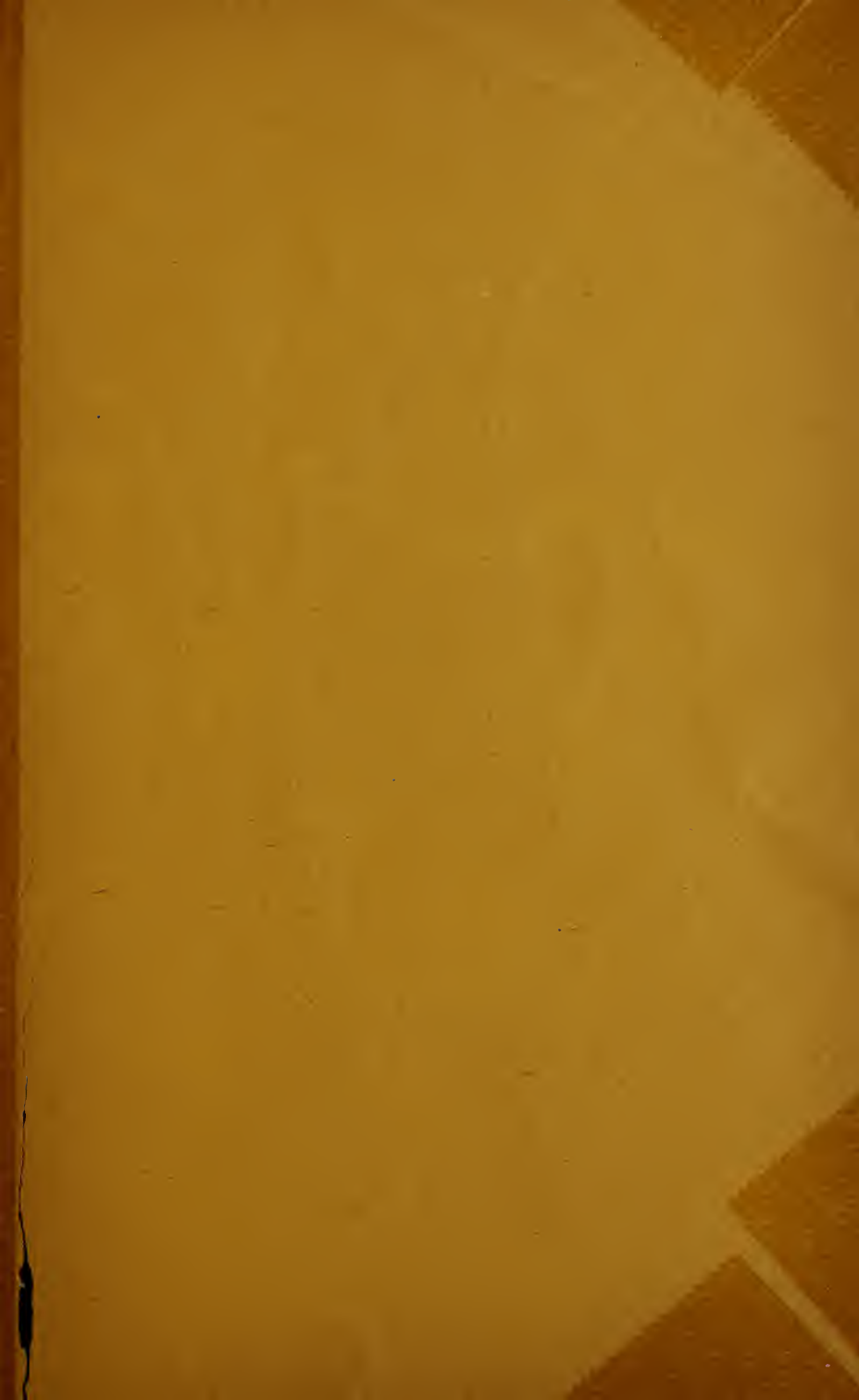
In order to accomplish these ends, discrimination must be made in the nature of the work of different pupils. Nothing will more effectually defeat the purposes of a school than to have the work a misfit.

The work at the High school during the past term has been difficult for some of the pupils, but if the teachers and school officers can have the assistance of the confidence and co-operation of the parents, a proper adjustment will be effected and the work will not be beyond the capacity of any pupil who will give school his undivided attention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. RECORD.

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